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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained in this report, specific points of interest are

referred to herein by the following alphabetical designators:

- A. Excavation
- B. Small bucket-dredge
- C. First berth
- D. Steel and lumber piled
- E. Second berth
- F. Submarine's first berth
- G. Submarine's second berth
- H. Naval Station
- I. Timber wharves
- J. French, Italian, and UK ships
- K. Soviet ship
- L. SS DZIERZYNSKI (PH)

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4. Controlling Depths

there were 31' depths everywhere except at the grain elevator where depth is approximately 29'. Twenty-five feet is depth directly northeast of the elevator.

5. Channel Improvement

the area designated A was being excavated to eliminate the dangerous curve. bulldozers working in that area. the work was progressing very slowly.

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7. Naval Vessels

a. A submarine, [redacted], was berthed at designator F, [redacted]. A movie was being made in that area, and the submarine was used in the movie. The submarine then shifted to designator G where it remained [redacted].

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[redacted], this submarine was nearly completed when Poland was attacked by Germany. Polish officers and crew escaped with the submarine, and the submarine was completed abroad. [redacted]

[redacted] there was a torpedo school in subject port and that torpedo practice was held outside the harbor entrance.

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b. In the water along the wharf in Hafenbecken, [redacted]

[redacted] a harbor patrol boat, two small utility ships of a trawler-lighter type [redacted] a tug, two small PT boats, a patrol boat, and four large PT boats.

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Utility vessels [redacted] were still berthed in the same place. However, the tug was gone, and in its place was a utility vessel [redacted]

c. [redacted] a Polish destroyer off HEL, [redacted] was on its way to the Baltic at about 10 knots [redacted] the Polish flag flying from this destroyer.

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d.

[redacted] observed four Soviet submarines and one Soviet submarine tender. They were in a column formation with the submarine tender at the head. Their speed was 10.5 knots. In addition to the regular international running lights, [redacted] two bright red lights one above the other on each of the naval vessels.

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8. Naval Base

[redacted] Four small craft were under repair at the naval repair yard [redacted] there were two marine railways for ship repair and vessels only up to 100' could be accommodated. [redacted]

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10. Soviet Bloc Merchant Ships

a. At designator K a Soviet ship of six thousand tons deadweight was berthed. [redacted] a Soviet freighter of three thousand tons deadweight departed. A Soviet tanker of 14 thousand tons deadweight, [redacted] described as "not old but not new," had finished discharging [redacted] and was cleaning tanks. [redacted] up to 12 Polish vessels in subject port.

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b. The Polish freighter DZIERZYNSKI was berthed at designator L. [redacted]

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[redacted] This 14 thousand ton deadweight ship was built in Germany and sailed in the German merchant marine until it was sunk. It was raised after being on the bottom several years and renovated by the Poles and is now [redacted] of the largest ships in the Polish merchant marine.

[redacted] the ship is in perfect condition and that it had a good paint job. [redacted] the USSR has been putting heavy pressure on Poland to turn this ship over to her. DZIERZYNSKI has engaged in trade with Red China for the last two years. [redacted] vessel was lifting steel pipes varying in diameter from 4' to 12' for China.

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[redacted] observed several well-dressed Chinese who appeared to be businessmen aboard the DZIERZYNSKI. They seemed to be inspecting the cargo. [redacted] saw these Chinese always alone and not in the company of Poles.

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11. Miscellaneous

a. [redacted] the Poles [redacted] were friendly and courteous and manifested anti-Communist and anti-Soviet sentiments. [redacted] the Poles were not pleased with their own government nor with their government's relations with the USSR. [redacted] the churches in subject port appeared to operate freely and were crowded.

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b. Shore Activities

Scatterings of soldiers and a few sailors were seen on the streets, but there were no concentrations of troops. No gun emplacements, searchlights, or fortifications were observed. A new hotel, Hotel Monopol, has been opened in subject port. The hotel has a "nice" dining room where it is possible to buy a good steak dinner

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the tables were crowded and at times it was necessary to wait for a table. A six-eight piece orchestra played a and there was dancing. The hotel had a banquet room and a cocktail lounge. mainly civilians in the hotel a few military uniforms. a few men in the hotel were Soviets.

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No rebuilding of any great extent was observed in subject port.

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f. Harbor Craft

(1) [redacted] two tugs [redacted]

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[redacted] were ATIAS and WINTER. They were steam and diesel powered, 60 to 70' long, painted black with red stack markings, and had between 250-300 horsepower.

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(2) [redacted] a medium-sized suction dredge working at the breakwater and a small bucket dredge working at designator B. [redacted] another dredge at work outside the harbor and thought it was probably dredging for material for cement.

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